

CEMWG June Update for the FCSC

Overview

- ▶ Frederick City and Frederick County - 92nd and 100th Climate Emergency Resolutions in the US - goals to cut GHG emissions by 50%, 2030; 100% 2050; adaptation and resiliency; decisions made through climate lens
- ▶ More than 70 responses to invitation to serve; 55 actively involved; scientific advisors from John's Hopkins, University of Maryland, USDA
- ▶ County-wide, varied professions, embedded stakeholders
- ▶ Meetings began August 27, 2020
- ▶ Expert speakers - 20+, COG, ALICE, financing, passive house design, equity index, state and federal legislative context, human health and more
- ▶ Focus - science-based GHG reduction and resilience measures; improved human health and wellbeing, improved local economy, improved QOL and equity
- ▶ Four subgroups:
 - ▶ Agriculture, Forestry, and Land Management (AFL)
 - ▶ Energy, Transportation, and Buildings (ETB)
 - ▶ Health, Extreme Weather, and Resilience (HWR)
 - ▶ Public Awareness & Outreach (PAO)

Stakeholder Outreach

- ▶ Frederick County Builders Association
- ▶ Frederick County Chamber of Commerce
- ▶ Frederick County Office of Economic Development
- ▶ City of Frederick Office of Economic Development
- ▶ Frederick County Farm Bureau
- ▶ Frederick County Association of Realtors
- ▶ Thurmont Area Ministerium
- ▶ Frederick Area Ministerial Association
- ▶ Downtown Frederick Partnership
- ▶ Many others for each subgroup

Current Activities

- ▶ CEMWG is wrapping up it's work and finalizing written recommendations to be included in the final report. It will cover county and city actions, as well as actions the general public and businesses can take.
- ▶ CEMWG will meet July 22nd and August 12th. These meetings are open to the public and will feature reports on the eleven areas of climate response recommended.
- ▶ The County Council has scheduled a workshop for August 24th to consider the report. The City's workshop is tentatively set for September 29th.
- ▶ CEMWG welcomes any actions the Sustainability Commission could take to draw people from the community to these meetings and to support the recommendations after the report is submitted.

Broad Topic Areas Will Be Covered

► CEMWG recommendations will span the following topic areas:

- Agriculture
- Buildings
- Clean Energy Economy
- Education
- Energy
- Equity
- Food System
- Forestry
- Other Lands
- Resilience
- Transportation

Summary of Key Dates

- ▶ July 22, 2021 - Next to Last CEMWG Public Meeting
- ▶ August 12, 2021 - Last CEMWG Public Meeting
- ▶ August 17, 2021 - Final report delivery
- ▶ August 24, 2021 - County Council Workshop
- ▶ September 29, 2021 (tentative) - Frederick City Workshop